

FUNERAL RITES FOR HOWE TODAY IN WHITE HOUSE

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Roosevelt Cancels Engagements to Attend Services; Entrain for Burial Tonight

Canceling all public engagements, President Roosevelt will attend funeral services at the White House today for his faithful friend and secretary, Louis McHenry Howe.

The body will lie in state in the East Room today from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. Funeral services then will be conducted by Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, where the President worships.

ENTRAIN TONIGHT

Tonight the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Howe, the widow, and Hartley Howe, a son, will leave by special train for Fall River, Mass., for the burial tomorrow morning.

This will be the first White House funeral since former President Coolidge's son died here. Many Administration leaders who knew Col. Howe and relied on his advice are expected to attend the services.

Howe died late Saturday night in Naval Hospital after more than a year's illness from a bronchial ailment complicated by heart disease. He and the President had been close associates since 1910 when Howe gave up his newspaper career to throw in his fortunes with Roosevelt, then a young State Senator in New York.

CANCELS D. A. R. SPEECH

The President canceled a speech scheduled for last night before the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also gave up his press conference set for today. After the burial in Fall River he will go to his home in Hyde Park and remain in seclusion until next Saturday when he speaks at a dinner of the National Democratic Club at the Hotel Commodore in New York.

Mrs. Roosevelt paid tribute to Colonel Howe's kindness and wisdom yesterday at her weekly press conference. She said:

"He was an old and close friend of many years standing and always had a room of his own in whatever house we have ever lived. He had few friends and didn't care for many people, but he spent a great deal of time with the few persons he did like.

"His peculiar gift was his extraordinary wisdom and an analytical intelligence that was remarkable. He was extraordinarily sympathetic to any real need or helplessness and was always kindly and gentle."

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